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REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

Allowed Claims

Claims 1-17

Applicant appreciatively acknowledges Examiner's allowance of claims 1-17.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 18-21

Claims 18-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Al-Janabi et al. (US 6,621,263 B2) in view of Spellane (US 6,365,034 B1) and Sekine ("Recent evaluation of corrosion protective paint films by electrochemical methods", *Progress in Organic Coatings* 31 (1997) 73-80).

Claims 18-21 have been cancelled for reasons not related to patentability. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuation or divisional.


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CONCLUSION

Claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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